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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel White

25X1 1. I have thought about [ ] memorandum on the OGC opinions, and have some thoughts to pass on.

2. In connection with paragraphs 2(a) and (b), I wonder whether these might be appropriate items to discuss at a Wednesday DD/S Staff Meeting.

3. In connection with paragraph 2(a), Training might be able to use some of these opinions as case studies, after checking their manner of presentation with the General Counsel.

4. In connection with paragraph 2(a), I wonder if the representatives of the General Counsel overseas get copies of the headquarters opinions which might be of interest to them. Also, do we get copies at headquarters of opinions written in the field which might be of value to one or more components back here.

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5. There is a danger in connection with paragraphs 2(a) and (b) that indiscriminate use or unintelligent use of these opinions without consultation with the General Counsel might lead to erroneous interpretations and create administrative difficulties.

6. In connection with paragraph 2(c) which refers to OGC Opinion No. 50-1 (TAB A), we could ask [ ] to check out with the DD/P, and if he agrees, get the Office of Personnel and the General Counsel to set up a current sterile version which would be of use in the field.

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paragraph 2(d)

7. Recommendations in this comment/have now been taken care of by the fact that a representative of the General Counsel sits on the Board of Review for Shortages and Losses and provides legal guidance at the time its recommendation is being developed.

8. In paragraph 3 I know what [ ] is getting at with his feeling that there are problems at the working level which should be gotten into but which, for one reason or another, never seem to get on anybody's priority list. It seems to me that the Management Staff would have

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dredged up a lot of this type of material during the course of their studies of the various support offices. At the time they are making their surveys or analyses, they are working toward a particular point and cannot take the time to set down these fringe problems as they bump into them, let alone get to work on them. I wonder if the Management people can be instructed to note problems or apparent problems or areas in which improvement could take place and just pass them along to this office. If they would do that on a basis which was not at all formal and it was understood below that this was not being done in a critical way but merely to bring to light some of the problems which would not normally be acted upon because of the press of other business, you could then review these areas, shoot them out to the appropriate offices and maybe build a few fires under them, if the problems warrant particular attention.



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